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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Assistant, Directorate for Science and Technology

SUBJECT: HR 14135, "To establish a National Resource Information System, and for other purposes"

REFERENCE: OLC 74-0835 dated 30 April 1974, Same Subject

1. In its review of subject Bill OSI has detected several areas of concern that should be investigated further to clarify the language and possible impact on the Agency. As now written intelligence information may be revealed which could lead to a compromise of Agency sources. Following are our specific comments.

2. The Bill does not clearly specify whether or not information on both domestic and foreign resources is to be reported. Apparently both areas are to be covered. It should be pointed out that certain resources cannot be separated from the technology which is used in their extraction or processing, e.g., U-235 and certain materials that are only recoverable by sophisticated technological processes. Essentially this would infer that information on foreign materials processes would have to be reported. If information on foreign resources is to be reported, the responsibility for collecting and reporting on new foreign technological processes for producing natural resources would have to be determined.

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would be used and who would have access to it. Sec. 208 also stipulates that the Director of the proposed Bureau of Natural Resource Information (BNRI) may transfer to the public file any information that comes into the public domain by any means whatsoever. This makes all intelligence inputs highly vulnerable. Unverified rumors published in the press could be considered sufficient reason to transfer intelligence reports on the same topic to the public file.

4. We are also concerned with Sec. 211 which appears to give the Secretary of Commerce, the Director of BNRI, or any employee designated by them the right of access to Agency files if they believe the files contain pertinent information. Also unclear is whether or not the Agency must submit information from commercial sources. Such a procedure would [redacted] 25X1

5. Sec. 107 tasks the Director of BNRI to establish consultation, liaison, and exchange agreements with all departments and agencies of government. Presumably what we perceive as problems could be resolved through these means.

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1. Legislative Counsel Mr. George L. Cary				HR-14135 has been reviewed and the attached memorandum represents the S&T position.
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